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1. Delegates to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference now returning to Nanking are very dissatisfied with the course of the conference. Virtually no effort was made to produce even the illusion of democratic procedure. Every organ of the new Government is closely guided and observed by the Communists, and consequently several ministries have been delayed in their formation.*
2. Dr. YAO Ke-fang, a representative to the Conference, generally confirmed this sentiment, saying that delegates were embarrassed, "Because we didn't really do anything."**
3. A speech by Y. T. WU at Shanghai shows that many matters of policy for Christian groups are not only undecided by the central authorities of the Chinese Communist Government but have not yet been given consideration. WU, who is characterized as a Communist active in religious matters, further states that any ruling principle need not alienate organized Christian groups. WU's speech indicates that eventually religious groups will be used as propaganda channels both in China and abroad.

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* Comment. The Chinese Communist Government is apparently following the traditional Chinese policy of assigning persons with popular support in their own areas to central government positions, managing the local communities with ardent members of the Party who are not indigenous.

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** Comment. An anti-Communist, American-trained Chinese doctor states that Dr. YAO Ke-fang is angry at not being appointed Minister of Health in the Chinese Communist Government as a reward for his underground activities prior to the take over of Nanking.

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